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NATIONAL KNOWLEDGE COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the terms of reference of National Knowledge Commission;

(b) whether the National Knowledge Commission has submitted its entire/all reports to the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the action taken by the Government on these Reports;

(e) whether the Planning Commission has taken into consideration the various recommendations of the NKC before formulating the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(f) if so the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) :The Terms of Reference of NKC are :

Build excellence in the educational system to meet the knowledge challenges of the 21st century and increase India's competitive advantage in fields of knowledge.

Promote creation of knowledge in Science and Technology laboratories

Improve the management of institutions engaged in Intellectual Property Rights

Promote knowledge applications in Agriculture and Industry

Promote the use of knowledge capabilities in making government an effective, transparent and accountable service provider to the citizen and promote widespread sharing of knowledge to maximize public benefit.

(b) & (c) : During 2006 and 2007, the National Knowledge Commission submitted the following recommendations :
(i) Libraries
(ii) Translation
(iii) English Language Teaching
(iv) National Knowledge Network
(v) Right to Education
(vi) Vocational Education and Training
(vii) Higher Education
(viii) National Science and Social Science Foundation (ix) E- governance (x) Health Information Network
(xi) Portals (Water, Energy)
(xii) Open Educational Courseware
(xiii) Legal Education
(xiv) Medical Education
(xv) Management Education(xvi) Open and Distance Education (xvii) Intellectual Property Rights (xviii) Innovation (xix) Traditional Health Systems (xx) Legal Framework for Public Funded Research

During the current year 2008 the recommendation on School Educations has been submitted.
At present works in process are in the following areas:

(i) Portals on Teachers and Biodiversity,
(ii) Engineering Education
(iii) More students in Science and Maths
(iv) More Ph.Ds

(v) Entrepreneurship and
(vi) Agriculture
The details of reports are also available on NKC's website : http://www.knowledgecommission.gov.in

(d) to (f) : The reports/recommendations submitted to the Government are presently under examination in consultation with the concerned Central Ministries and State Governments.